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**IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF MEXICO FOR BREEDING  
SHEEP EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES**  
**REQUISITOS ZOOSANITARIOS DE MEXICO PARA EXPORTAR OVEJAS PARA  
REPRODUCCIÓN DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS**

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian so authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee, and individual identification including the breed, sex, age, and tattoo number and/or ear tag of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

*Los animales deben estar acompañados de un Certificado de Salud expedido por un Médico Veterinario acreditado por el Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos y endosado por un veterinario de Servicios Veterinarios (USDA). El certificado debe contener el nombre y la dirección del cosignador, del cosignatario y la identificación individual de los animales señalando raza, sexo, edad y número de tatuaje y/o arete. La información adicional debe incluir.*

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS / CERTIFICACIONES**

1. The animals for export have been enrolled in the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program for at least 12 months prior to the date of export. The sheep originate from a flock where, during the 5 years prior to export, scrapie has been neither confirmed nor suspected.  
*Los animales son originarios de un rebaño que ha estado inscrito en el programa voluntario de scrapie durante un mínimo de 12 meses antes de la fecha de exportación. En el rebaño de donde se originan los ovinos a exportar no se han presentado casos ni sospechas de scrapie, durante los 5 años anteriores a la fecha de exportación.*
2. The animals were inspected and found to be free of any evidence of infectious or contagious diseases.  
*A la inspección previa a la exportación los ovinos no mostraron signos de enfermedades infectocontagiosas.*
3. The United States is free of *Boophilus spp.*  
*Los Estados Unidos es país libre de garrapata Boophilus spp..*
4. The animals have not been fed ruminant origin meat and bone meal. In the country of origin, there are animal health regulations that forbid the feeding of ruminant origin meat and bone meal to ruminant animals  
*Los animales no fueron alimentados con harinas de carne y hueso de origen rumiante. En el país de origen existe reglamentación zoosanitaria vigente que prohíbe alimentar a los rumiantes con harinas de carne y hueso de origen rumiante.*

5. The rams were tested with negative results to *Brucella ovis*.  
*Los machos enteros son negativos a la prueba de Brucella ovis.*
6. No animal in the flock of origin is the parent, offspring or sibling of any animal affected with scrapie.  
*Los animales del rebaño no son progenie, padres o hermanos de ningún animal positivo a scrapie.*
7. The animals have not been exposed to scrapie, they are not affected with scrapie, and never have been in a flock under suspicion or diagnosed positive to scrapie.  
*Los animales no han estados expuestos, ni son positivos a scrapie, ni nunca han estado en un rebaño infectado o en investigación de scrapie.*
8. The animals are transported in cleaned and disinfected vehicles, and do not come into contact with any other animals not part of the shipment.  
*Los animales son transportados en vehículos limpios y desinfectados y no están en contacto con otros animales que no son parte del envío.*

## **TESTING REQUIREMENTS / PRUEBAS REQUERIDAS**

The animals were tested for the following diseases with negative results within 30 days of export:

Brucella ovis (RAMS only): Complement fixation test; or ELISA; or the animals proceed from a flock certified as *Brucella ovis* free by having two negative consecutive tests, the second test must be conducted 3 to 10 months after the first test.

## **OTHER INFORMATION / INFORMACIÓN ADICIONAL**

1. All sheep intended for export shall be identified by an ear tag or tattoo.
2. All animals will be unloaded and inspected by a Mexican veterinarian of the Office for Inspection of Animal Health in the facilities approved by SAGARPA. The shipment can go into Mexico at any of the following border points: Del Rio, Texas; Presidio, Texas; Eagle Pass, Texas; El Paso, Texas; Laredo, Texas; Brownsville, Texas; and Douglas, Arizona.
3. The shipment and the documents must comply with the requirements of article 24 of the Federal Animal Health Law. At the port of entrance, the importer must indicate the destination of the shipment.
4. The U.S. Origin Health Certificate must be typewritten. Mexican Port Veterinarians will reject any certificates that are handwritten.
5. Although not part of the official requirements, Mexico recommends to the importer that the animals originate from a flock where no clinical evidence of contagious ecthyma,

bluetongue, or ovine progressive pneumonia has been reported during the 6 months prior to the date of embarkation, and that they have not been vaccinated against contagious ecthyma during the 60 days prior to exportation.